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NOTICES OF SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSED RULEMAKING

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TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES

CHAPTER 23. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ORAL HEALTH

[R05-19]

PREAMBLE

1. Register citation and date for the original Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 10 A.A.R. 3149, August 13, 2004

<u>2.</u>	Sections Affected	Rulemaking Action
	R9-23-101	Amend
	Article 2	New Article
	R9-23-201	New Section
	R9-23-202	New Section
	R9-23-203	New Section
	R9-23-204	New Section
	R9-23-205	New Section
	R9-23-301	New Section
	R9-23-302	Amend
	R9-23-303	New Section
	R9-23-304	New Section
	R9-23-305	New Section
	R9-23-306	New Section
	Article 4	New Article
	R9-23-401	New Section
	R9-23-402	New Section
	R9-23-403	New Section

3. The statutory authority for the rulemaking, including both the authorizing statute (general) and the statutes the rules are implementing (specific):

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. §§ 36-132(A)(1), 36-136(A)(7) and 36-136(F)

Implementing statute: A.R.S. §§ 36-104(1)(c) and 36-132(A)(10)

4. The name and address of the agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:

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5. An explanation of the rule, including the agency's reason for initiating the rule:

The purpose of this rulemaking is to address the issues identified in the five-year-review report submitted to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (G.R.R.C.) in July 2001. The rules for oral health are in Title 9, Chapter 23, Article 1 and Article 3. In the proposed rules, the Department is amending Article 1 and 3 and adding two new Articles to the Chapter.

The Department is amending the definitions in Article 1 to reflect the changes made in the Chapter. The new Article 2 contains the eligibility requirements, the application process, and the application prioritization criteria for the Arizona Dental Sealant Program. The Department is amending Article 3 to include the eligibility requirements, the application process, and the application prioritization criteria for the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program. The new Article 4 contains the application process and the application prioritization criteria for the Arizona Dental Trailer Loan Program. The proposed rules will conform to current statutory authority, rulemaking format and style requirements, industry practice, and departmental policy.

6. An explanation of the substantial change which resulted in this supplemental notice:

The Department received comment concerning the ability to drop a school for noncompliance in the Arizona Dental Sealant Program. The Department does not consider noncompliance to be an issue because the purpose of the Arizona Dental Sealant Program is to provide the eligible schools and children with dental sealants and not restrict access to the Arizona Dental Sealant Program. Therefore, if a school meets the eligibility requirements in the proposed Article 2, the Department will provide dental sealants.

In R9-23-301, the Department is adding a definition of the term "well" because the term is now used in R9-23-302.

In response to public comment, the Department is changing the definition for "fluoridated" in R9-23-301 from "means adjusting the natural fluoride concentration of a community water supply to prevent dental caries" to read: "means adjusting the amount of natural fluoride in a drilled well or community water supply to a level that should prevent dental caries". Public comment raised the point that water does have naturally occurring fluoride but may not contain enough natural fluoride to prevent dental caries. The Department is clarifying the definition of "fluoridated" to allow for the presence of naturally occurring fluoride but not to the level that prevents dental caries.

The Department is revising R9-23-302 to reflect the changes made in R9-23-301. The change in R9-23-302 clarifies that the eligibility criteria for a school depends on the percentage of students the school has in the National School Lunch Program and if the school has fluoridated water.

In R9-23-303(B), the Department is changing the due date of applications from April 15 to March 15 and adding that the Department will start accepting applications beginning February 15.

In R9-23-305(E), the Department is changing the due date of the written program evaluation from April 15 to March 15 to be consistent with the date that the applications are accepted.

7. A showing of good cause why the rule is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rule will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

8. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

Annual cost/revenues are designated as minimal when less than \$1,500.00, moderate when between \$1,500.00 and \$10,000.00, and substantial when greater than \$10,000.00.

A.R.S. § 36-132(A)(10) requires the Department to encourage, administer and provide dental health care services to the public. The Department is currently providing dental health care services to the public through 3 programs: the Arizona Dental Sealant Program, the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program, and the Arizona Dental Trailer Loan Program.

During the 2002-2003 school year, the Department provided funding to 116 schools and approximately 7125 students received dental sealants. The Department also provided fluoride mouthrinse to 67 schools and approximately 25,000 students used the fluoride mouthrinse. And the Department loaned 4 dental trailers to persons to use on a temporary basis to provide dental health care services.

The Department, using money from the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant, reimbursement from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), and state funds, provided approximately \$420,000.00 in dental health care services to the public in 2002.

The proposed rules are consistent with the Department's current practices and are expected to have a minimal impact on a school participating in the dental health care services programs provided by the Department and the public. The proposed rules benefit a person receiving dental health care services from the Department by providing clarity in the eligibility and application requirements and ensuring that the Department processes applications in a fair, consistent,

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and timely manner. The amended rules conform to current statutory authority, rulemaking format and style requirements, industry practice, and departmental policy.

9. The name and address of the agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the accuracy of the economic, small business, and consumer impact statement:

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10. The time, place, and nature of the proceedings for the making, amendment, or repeal of the rule, or if no proceeding is scheduled, where, when, and how persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rules:

The Department has scheduled the following oral proceeding:

Date: March 14, 2005 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Department of Health Services

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A person may submit written comments on the proposed rules to either individual listed in items #4 and #9 until the close of record at 5:00 p.m., March 14, 2005. Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation by contacting Maria Herbert at herberm@azdhs.gov or (602) 364-0912. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow sufficient time to arrange for the accommodation.

11. Any other matters prescribed by statute that are applicable to the specific agency or any specific rule or class of rules:

Not applicable

12. Incorporation by reference and their location in the rules:

The following is incorporated by reference in R9-23-101:

7 CFR 210.1(2003) incorporated by reference, on file with the Department and the Office of the Secretary of State, and including no future editions or amendments, available at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html and from U.S. Government Printing Office, 732 N. Capitol Street, NW Washington, DC 20401.

13. The full text of the rules follows:

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R9-23-401.	<u>Definitions</u>
R9-23-402.	Application Process
R9-23-403	Prioritization of Applications

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

R9-23-101. Definitions

In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Amalgam" means a combination of silver alloy and mercury used for dental restorations.
- 2. "Bitewing radiograph" means an x ray film designed to show the crowns of the upper and lower posterior teeth simultaneously.
- 3. "Board eligible" means a dentist who has successfully completed an approved training program in a specialty field recognized by the American Dental Association.
- 4. "Caries" means areas of decay in or on a tooth.
- 5. "Chief executive officer" means the person who has the authority and responsibility for the operation of a prepaid dental plan organization in accordance with the applicable legal requirements and policies approved by the governing authority.
- 1. "Child" means an individual who is:
 - a. 18 years or less, or
 - b. More than 18 years of age attending school.
- 6. "Composite" means a mixture of a filler, usually quartz, ceramic, or glass particles, and a resin blend used for dental restorations.
- 7. "Contracting agency" means a governmental or nonprofit organization that has contracted with the OOH to provide clinical and/or administrative services.
- 8. "Copal base" means a liquid resin placed under a restoration to insulate the pulpal tissue.
- 9. "Dental facility" means a dental health clinic or institutional department staffed by licensed dentists or licensed dental hygienists, or both.
- 2. "Dental hygienist" means an individual licensed under A.R.S. § Title 32, Chapter 11, Article 4.
- 10. "Dental scalant" means a thin plastic coating applied to the chewing surfaces of premolar or molar teeth which fills the pits and grooves of a tooth and prevents the trapping of food debris.
- 3. "Dental sealant" means a coating of plastic applied to a tooth.
- 11. "Dentate" means with teeth.
- 12. 'Dentist" means a person who is licensed to practice dentistry under the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-1201 et seq.
- 4. "Dentist" means an individual licensed under A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 11, Article 2.
- 13. "Dentition" means the type, number, and arrangement of teeth.
- 14. "Dentures" means a partial or complete set of false teeth designed to simulate the patient's natural dentition.
- 15.5. "Department" means the Arizona Department of Health Services.
- 16. "Diagnostic services" means those dental services necessary to identify dental abnormalities, including radiographs and clinical examinations.
- 17. "Director of an organized educational setting" means the person responsible for the overall management of the facility.
- 18. "Emergency services" means those dental services necessary to control bleeding, relieve pain, including local anes-

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thesia, or eliminate acute infection. Medications that may be prescribed by the dentist, but must be obtained through a pharmacy, are excluded.

- 19. "Endodontics" means dental services related to the pulp of a tooth.
- 20. "Extraoral" means outside of the mouth.
- 21. "Fluoride" means a chemical compound, usually sodium fluoride or acidulated phosphate fluoride, applied topically or as a mouth rinse.
- 22. "General dentist" means a dentist licensed under the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-1201 et seq. whose practice is not limited to a specific area and who is not certified by a specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association.
- 23. "Gingival tissue" means intraoral soft tissue commonly referred to as the gums.
- 24. "Governing authority" means the person or body, including a board of trustees or board of directors, in whom the ultimate authority and responsibility for the direction of a prepaid dental plan organization is vested.
- 25. "Hamular notch" means the area behind the upper back molar.
- 26. "Hygienist" means a person who is licensed to practice dental hygiene under the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-1281 et seq.
- 27. "Intraoral" means inside the mouth.
- 28. "Mandibular" means associated with the lower iaw.
- 29. "Maxillary" means associated with the upper jaw.
- 30. "Mobile Dental Unit" or "MDU" means a self-contained dental operatory housed in a movable trailer owned by the Department.
- 31. "Mucobuccal fold" means the space between the cheek and teeth.
- 6. "National School Lunch Program" means the federally funded assisted meal program as established in 7 CFR 210.1 (2003), incorporated by reference, and on file with the Department and the Office of the Secretary of State and including no future additions or amendments, available at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html and from U.S. Government Printing Office, 732 N. Capitol Street, NW Washington, DC 20401.
- 32. "Occlusion" means the manner in which the upper and lower teeth fit together when the mouth is completely closed.
- 33. "Office of Oral Health" or "OOH" means the office within the Department responsible for oral health services.
- 34. "Operative dentistry" means the use of dental amalgam, dental permanent cement, composite and noncomposite resin materials, cast alloy restorations, stainless steel and aluminum crowns, and various temporary and intermediate materials usually classified as cements to maintain a functional dentition.
- 35. "Operatory" means the patient chair and attached or related equipment used to deliver dental services.
- 36. "Organization" means a prepaid dental plan organization as defined in A.R.S. § 20-1001.
- 37. "Organized educational setting" means any facility providing supervised instructional care or services for children less than 21 years of age.
- 38. "Panographic radiograph" means an x-ray that shows all of the teeth and related structures on 1 film.
- 7. "Parent" has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 15-101(14). -
- 39. "Patient" means a person who is being attended by a dentist or dental hygienist to receive an examination, diagnosis, or dental treatment, or a combination of an examination, diagnosis, and dental treatment.
- 40. "Periapical" means a full view of an individual tooth, including the area under the gum line and around the root of the
- 41. "Portable dental equipment" means operatory equipment that can be transported by automobile and set up in a public area or private residence.
- 42. "Postdam" means a ridge built into a maxillary denture which touches the posterior soft tissue of the roof of the mouth.
- 43. "Posterior flange" means that part of a denture that extends into the space between the tongue and the mandibular jawbone or the cheek and maxillary jawbone.
- 44. "Preventive services" means dental care intended to maintain dental health and prevent dental disease, including any combination of oral hygiene education, professional prophylaxis, application of fluorides, and a viable system of recall or follow up.
- 45. "Professional prophylaxis" means cleaning the teeth with mild abrasives and dental equipment.
- 46. "Pulpal" means the soft living tissue that fills the central cavity of a tooth.
- 47. "Radiograph" means a picture produced on a sensitive surface by a form of radiation other than light, including x-ray photographs.
- 48. "Representative sample" means a part of a population or subset from a set of units selected to investigate the properties of the population or the set.
- 49. "Restoration" means treatment that returns a patient to a functional level of dental health, including treatment of the pulpal tissues and gingival tissues, the use of metal and plastic fillings, and the use of removable partial and complete dentures.
- 50. "Saddle area" means that portion of a partial denture which covers the bone where posterior teeth from either the upper or lower jaw have been removed.
- 8. "School" means:

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- a. A school as defined in A.R.S. § 15-101(19), and
- b. A charter school as defined in A.R.S. § 15-101(3).
- 9. "School representative" means an individual authorized to act on behalf of a school.
- 10. "School year" means the period between July 1 and the following June 30.
- 51. "Specialist" means a dentist whose practice is limited to a specified area and who is recognized by the appropriate specialty board of the Commission on Accreditation of Dental Education of the American Dental Association as board eligible or board certified.
- 52. "Therapeutic services" means basic dental services provided by a general dentist including pulp therapy for permanent and primary teeth exclusive of root canal therapy, restoration of carious permanent and primary teeth with materials other than cast restorations, and routine extractions.
- 53. "Treatment plan" means a statement of the services to be performed for the patient.

ARTICLE 2. STANDARDS FOR THE PROVISION OF ORAL HEALTH SERVICES ARIZONA DENTAL SEAL-ANT PROGRAM

R9-23-201. Definitions

"Dental insurance status" means an identification of whether a child has private dental insurance.

R9-23-202. Eligibility Requirements for Participation A school is eligible to participate in the Arizona Dental Sealant Program if:

- 1. At least 65% of the children attending the school participate in the National School Lunch Program, and
- 2. The school has at least 25 children in grades 2 and 6 combined.

R9-23-203. Application Process

- A. To participate in the Arizona Dental Sealant Program, a school representative shall complete an application form provided by the Department that includes the following:
 - 1. The name, title, telephone number, fax number, and if applicable, e-mail address of the individual who will manage the Arizona Dental Sealant Program for the school;
 - 2. The school's name, street address, and telephone number;
 - 3. The school's mailing address if different than the school's street address;
 - 4. The name of the school district and county where the school is located;
 - 5. The percentage of children attending the school that participate in the National School Lunch Program, and
 - 6. The number of children attending grades 2 and 6.
- B. The Department accepts applications between April 1 and May 15 for the next school year.

R9-23-204. Prioritization of Applications

- A. The Department shall approve participation in the Arizona Dental Sealant Program based on the following criteria:
 - 1. The amount of funding available to the Department for the Arizona Dental Sealant Program,
 - 2. The percentage of children participating in the National School Lunch Program with the school with the higher percentage receiving the highest priority, and
 - 3. If the percentage of children participating in the National School Lunch Program is the same, the date the application was received at the Department with the higher priority given to applications received earliest.
- **B.** If additional funding becomes available, the Department shall continue to approve participation in the Arizona Dental Sealant Program based on the criteria in subsection (A).

R9-23-205. Program Responsibilities

An individual managing the Arizona Dental Sealant Program for a school has the following responsibilities:

- 1. Ensuring each child participating in the Arizona Dental Sealant Program has a parental consent form that includes:
 - a. The child's name,
 - b. The child's date of birth,
 - c. The child's gender.
 - d. The parent's telephone number,
 - e. The parent's signature, and
 - f. The child's dental insurance status.
- 2. <u>Distributing information about the Arizona Dental Sealant Program to the school and to each parent that has a child participating in the Arizona Dental Sealant Program.</u>

ARTICLE 3. ORAL HEALTH SERVICES ARIZONA FLUORIDE MOUTHRINSE PROGRAM

R9-23-301. Definitions

- 1. "Community water supply" has the same meaning as in A.A.C. R18-4-101.
- 2. "Well" has the same meaning "Drilled well" as in A.A.C. R9-8-201.
- 3. "Fluoridated" means adjusting the amount of natural fluoride in a drilled well or community water supply to a level that should prevent dental caries.

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4. "Natural fluoride" means the fluoride ion that is already present in water before it is fluoridated.

R9-23-302. Eligibility Requirements for Participation

The following individuals shall be eligible for dental health services:

- 1. Children who are eligible for the federal free or reduced school lunch program;
- 2. Persons who are eligible for federal, state, or a combination of federal and state nutrition programs; or
- 3. Persons whose income is at or below 133% of the federal poverty guideline or who are eligible Medicaid recipients but:
 - a. Do not have access to dental care, or
 - b. Whose physical or mental impairment precludes them from receiving dental services through the private dental sector.

A school is eligible to participate in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program if:

- 1. At least 50% of the children attending the school participate in the National School Lunch Program, and
- 2. The school does not use fluoridated water from a drilled well or community water supply.

R9-23-303. Application Process

- <u>A.</u> To participate in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program, a school representative shall submit an application form to the Department that includes the following:
 - 1. The name, title, telephone number, fax number, and if applicable, e-mail address of the individual who will manage the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program for the school;
 - 2. The school's name, street address, mailing address, and telephone number;
 - 3. The name of the school district and county where the school is located;
 - 4. The grades in the school that will participate in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program during the next school year;
 - 5. The anticipated number of children that will participate in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program during the next school year;
 - 6. The percentage of children attending the school that participated in the National School Lunch Program during the current school year; and
 - 7. The flavor and amount of fluoride mouthrinse needed.
- **B.** The Department accepts applications between February 15 and March 15 for the next school year.

R9-23-304. Prioritization of Applications

The Department shall approve participation in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program for three years based on the following criteria:

- 1. The amount of funding available to the Department for the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program,
- 2. Previous participation in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program, and
- 3. The percentage of children participating in the National School Lunch Program with the school with the higher percentage receiving the highest priority.

R9-23-305. Program Responsibilities

The individual managing the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program for a school has the following responsibilities:

- A. Ensuring that each child participating in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program has a parental consent form provided by the Department that includes:
 - 1. The child's name, age, and grade;
 - 2. The school's name;
 - 3. The name of the child's teacher;
 - 4. The signature of a parent; and
 - 5. The date the parent signed.
- **B.** Ordering fluoride mouthrinse,
- C. Maintaining the school's records of participation in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program as long as each child is attending the school,
- <u>D.</u> <u>Distributing information about the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program to the school and to each parent that has a child participating in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program, and</u>
- E. Submitting a written program evaluation to the Department by March 15 of each year of participation that includes the following:
 - 1. The name, title, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address, if applicable of the individual who will manage the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program for the school;
 - 2. The school's name, street address, mailing address, and telephone number;
 - 3. The name of the school district and county where the school is located;
 - 4. The number of the years the school has participated in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program;
 - 5. The percentage of children attending the school that participated in the National School Lunch Program;
 - 6. The grades in the school that participated in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program;

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- 7. The grades in the school that will participate in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program during the next school
- The number of children that participated in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program during the current school year;
- 9. The estimated number of children that will participate in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program during the next
- 10. The number of packets or boxes of fluoride mouthrinse unused at the end of the current school year, if applicable;
- 11. The number of packets or boxes of fluoride mouthrinse needed for the next school year, and;
- 12. The flavor of fluoride mouthrinse needed.

R9-23-306. **Continuing Participation**

- A. The Department will not allow a school to continue to participate in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse if the school did not submit a program evaluation.
- **B.** After reviewing a program evaluation, the Department will not allow a school to continue to participate in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program if the Department determines:
 - 1. Less than 70% of the children attending the school participated in the Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program during the current school year, or
 - 2. The Arizona Fluoride Mouthrinse Program was administered at the school for less than 8 months during the current school year.

ARTICLE 4. PREPAID DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATIONS ARIZONA DENTAL TRAILER LOAN PROGRAM

R9-23-401. **Definitions**

- 1. "Applicant" means:
 - a. A non-profit organization;
 - b. A federal, state, local, or tribal government; or
- "Auxiliary personnel" has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 32-1201(1).
- "Dental care" means oral health prevention, maintenance, and treatment of diseases, injury, or other dental condi-
- "Dental staff" means a dentist, dental hygienist, or auxiliary personnel that participate in the provision of dental care.
- "Dental trailer" means a transport vehicle designed to be hauled by a truck or tractor containing equipment used to provide dental care.
- 6. "Target population" means the group of individuals an applicant has determined needs dental care.

R9-23-402. **Application Process**

- A. To participate in the Arizona Dental Trailer Program, an applicant shall submit an application form to the Department that includes the following:
 - The date of the application;
 - The name, address, telephone number, and fax number of the applicant;
 - The name of the individual who will manage the Arizona Dental Trailer Loan Program for the applicant;
 - The dental trailer's proposed physical location;
 - The estimated size of the target population;
 - 6. An explanation of the dental needs of the target population;
 - The type and number of dental staff, and;
 - The estimated hours and days of the week of operation.
- **B.** In addition to the application in subsection (A), an applicant shall provide the following:
 - 1. An estimated operating budget for the dental trailer that includes:
 - a. A list of the revenue sources,
 - b. A list of expenses, and
 - c. A justification of the estimated operating budget, and
 - A written plan for a permanent dental program for the target population that includes:
 - a. The type of facility where the applicant will provide dental care,
 - The type and number of dental staff,

 - c. A list of revenue sources,
 d. The proposed location of the facility where the applicant will provide dental care, and
 - e. A list of dental care to be provided.

R9-23-403. **Prioritization of Applications**

The Department shall select an applicant to participate in the Arizona Dental Trailer Loan Program based on the following criteria:

- The availability of a dental trailer,
- The target population,

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- The estimated operating budget for the dental trailer, The list of revenue sources, and The type and number of dental staff.